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TAGS: PINS, SHUM, TPHY, BU (MARINOV, STEFAN MARINOV)
SUBJECT: MARINOV CASE

REF: A) STATE 014547; B) STATE 020933 C) SOFIA 0417

1. STEFAN MARINOV RETURNED TO EMBASSY ON MAR 11, INSTEAD OF MAR 10 AS HE HAD PLANNED, BECAUSE HE "WANTED TO GIVE USG ENOUGHT TIME TO PREPARE A RESPONSE."

2. MARINOV WAS INFORMED BY CONSUL THAT OUR INVESTIGATION DID NOT SUBSTANTIATE STORY ON WHICH HE BASED "CLAIM" AGAINST USG, THAT HE HAD NOT PRESENTED EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT FORMAL CLAIM, THAT USG COULD NOT CONSIDER HIS "CLAIM" BECAUSE OF EXTENDED TIME PERIOD BETWEEN THE ALLEGED INCIDENT AND REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION, AND THAT IN ANY CASE USG WOULD HAVE TO BE SHOWN TO BE LIABLE UNDER BULGARIAN LAW TO EXTENT AN INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE LIABLE UNDER SAME CIRCUMSTANCES. HE WAS ALSO TOLD USG DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN, THUS COULD NOT CONSIDER SUCH A REQUEST.

3. MARINOV WAS TOLD, FINALLY, THAT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES CITED PARA TWO, THERE IS NO BASIS ON WHICH USG/EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE A LETTER TO HIM ABOUT HIS "CLAIM" OR ABOUT THE ALLEGED INCIDENT.

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4. MARINOV LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF A FEW WORDS, AND AT THE END STATED THAT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EMBASSY WAS "FINISHED". HE MADE REQUEST OF CONSUL TO FORWARD A LETTER TO WESTERN NEWSPAPERS IF HE WAS ARRESTED FOR MAKING HIS APPLICATION WITH GOB FOR HIS CONFERENCE. CONSUL INFORMED HIM THAT EMBASSY POLICY DID NOT PERMIT FOR-

WARDING SUCH INFORMATION TO THE PRESS AND THAT ANY INFORMATION HE PRESENTED TO US, OR HAD PRESENTED BY OTHERS ON HIS BEHALF, WOULD BE FOR INFORMATION AND USE OF THE USG ONLY. MARINOV CLOSED BY THANKING CONSUL FOR CONSIDERATION GIVEN HIM AND STATED HE WILL NOT RETURN AS "THERE IS NO MORE TO BE DONE."

5. COMMENT: WE DO NOT ENTIRELY BELIEVE MARINOV'S STATEMENT THAT HE WILL NOT RETURN TO THE EMBASSY. HE MAY CHANGE HIS MIND, PARTICULARLY IF HE BELIEVES HIS ARREST TO BE IMMINENT.
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